

Congresswoman Louise M. Slaughter (D-NY-28), Chairwoman of the House Committee on Rules, joined with local Niagara Falls officials announce the start of nine road improvement projects funded by stimulus money.

So far this year, the 28th Congressional District - which includes the City of Niagara Falls - has received \$95 million from Recovery act funds – and more money is on tap, Slaughter said.

“It is important that every Western New Yorker realize that the recovery package has a direct impact on our neighborhoods and on each of us,” said Rep. Slaughter. “Today as we announce the start of nine new road projects, it is important to realize that the \$95 million from the recovery package has saved countless jobs and created even more but our work is by no means over; my fight continues. I applaud the City for moving quickly to get these nine projects started.”

August 5 marks the final day when bids will be accepted for these nine projects which stretch from downtown Niagara Falls to LaSalle.

Slaughter visited the Niagara Police Department to make the announcement and noted that the Public Safety Building promises to anchor new development along Main Street but is on a road that is falling apart.

Of the \$95 million that the 28th District has received to date, \$6.9 million is in transportation and infrastructure projects. The road projects that will receive funding from the package include Main Street, Pine Avenue, 24th Street, 11th Street, Ontario Avenue, 56th Street, Highland Avenue, Lindbergh Avenue, and Packard Road. This funding is part of at least \$355 million that has or will be spent on projects and programs in the 28th Congressional District, including over \$1 million enabling the Niagara Falls Police Department to hire five new officers.

Rep. Slaughter was joined by Captain John DeMarco of the Niagara Falls Police Department; Dave Kinney, City of Niagara Falls Director of Public Works; Tom DeSantis, City of Niagara Falls Senior Planner and several members of the Niagara County Legislature and Niagara Falls City Council.

### Background:

All of the federal-aid road projects conducted in Erie and Niagara Counties are selected for funding by the local Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO). In our region the MPO is the Greater Buffalo Niagara Regional Transportation Council (GBRTC). The GBRTC is comprised of local elected officials, local transit operators and New York State Department of Transportation representatives. MPOs vote unanimously to choose projects, such as the nine road projects advancing today, for their Transportation Improvement Program. The chosen road projects are then eligible to receive federal funding, including Recovery funding.

The 28th Congressional District consists of all of the City of Niagara Falls along with parts of Buffalo and Rochester. It also includes all or part of Appleton, Barker, Brighton, Burt, East Rochester, Fairport, Grand Island, Greece, Hamlin, Hilton, Holley, Irondequoit, Kendall, Kent, Lewiston, Lyndonville, Model City, Morton, Newfane, Niagara Falls, Olcott, Penfield, Perinton, Ransomville, Sanborn, Stella Niagara, City of Tonawanda, Town of Tonawanda, Waterport, Wilson, and Youngstown.

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